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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: D. Biro et al. )  
Serial No.: 09/831,688 )  
Filed: July 23, 2001 )  
For: WATER COMPATIBLE ENERGY )  
CURABLE COMPOSITIONS )  
CONTAINING MALEIMIDE DERIVATIVES )  
Docket No.: C-463 )  
Examiner: Nathan. M. Nutter  
Art Unit: 1711

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This communication is in response to the Office Action mailed October 3, 2002 (Paper Number 7).

In the Claims

Claims 1 to 19 have been amended to read as follows:

**1. (Amended)** An active water compatible actinic radiation curable composition comprising a water compatible compound; a maleimide derivative; and water.

**2. (Amended)** The actinic radiation curable composition of Claim 1 wherein said water compatible compound is selected from the group consisting of acrylate resins; methacrylate resins; acrylic dispersions; urethane resins; vinyl

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